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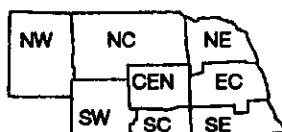
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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged near normals across the State. Scattered precipitation occurred the latter half of the week varying from less than a tenth of an inch in the north central up to 1.10 inches in the central portion.

GENERAL

Despite rain delays last week, producers were able to advance row crop harvesting, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. The completion of soybean harvest was delayed by wet soil conditions while corn and grain sorghum needed additional drying days before widespread harvest could begin. Other producer activities included moving old crop grain to market, moving hay for winter feeding, and weaning calves.

CROPS

All corn condition moved lower and was rated at 7% poor, 33% fair, 56% good, and 4% excellent. Dryland fields were rated at 66% good or excellent. Irrigated fields were rated at 57% good or excellent. Crop maturity was nearly complete as of Sunday but harvest for grain has been slow to start due to high grain moisture content. Producers who have been able to harvest have, in some cases, found poorer than expected yields due to stalk rot, poorly filled ears, lower test weight, and stalk breakage. Harvest was rated at 15% complete and compares with 16% last year and 52% for the five-year average.

CROPS (Cont.)

Soybean condition was rated at 24% fair, 68% good, and 8% excellent. In spite of rain delays last week, harvest progressed well with 87% out of the fields to date. This is ahead of the average harvest completion rate of 82%.

Sorghum condition was rated at 2% poor, 68% fair, 28% good, and 2% excellent. Crop maturity was about a week and a half behind normal. Harvest progress has been very limited with 9% complete to date, over three weeks behind the average at 58%.

Dry bean harvest progressed to 91% complete. Some producers have experienced low yields and/or poor bean quality due to poor growing conditions and the mid-September freeze. Sugar beet harvest was about 20% complete, with some muddy fields delaying harvest progress.

Winter wheat seedings were nearly all emerged at week's end. Heavy rains caused washing and has required reseeded in a few areas.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated at 102% of normal and compares with 97% last year at this time. Cattle continue to do well on pastures while producers wait for corn stalk fields to become available for gleaned. Producers were weaning and working with calves.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 17, 1993	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% corn mature	80	91	98	91	97	90	100	94	95	84	96	99
% corn harvested	17	11	9	19	17	9	20	22	15	9	16	52
% sorghum mature	0	80	97	93	89	94	92	90	90	67	85	97
% sorghum harvested	0	5	16	12	11	6	12	7	9	5	9	58
% soybeans harvested	0	98	85	87	93	75	87	78	87	62	79	82
% dry beans harvested	87	100	100	97	0	100	100	0	91	75	n/a	n/a
% wheat emerged	100	96	99	90	96	99	93	82	96	76	97	93
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF OCTOBER 15, 1993												
Days suitable	4.2	4.4	4.1	5.3	3.3	3.9	3.9	3.1	3.9	6.1	5.5	
Topsoil moisture - Short	0	7	0	13	0	0	0	0	2	14	8	
(Percent) - Adequate	92	86	93	87	53	75	85	44	78	76	84	
- Surplus	8	7	7	0	47	25	15	56	20	10	8	
Subsoil moisture - Short	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	5	
(Percent) - Adequate	100	80	93	87	60	87	92	67	83	89	91	
- Surplus	0	13	7	13	40	13	8	33	16	7	4	

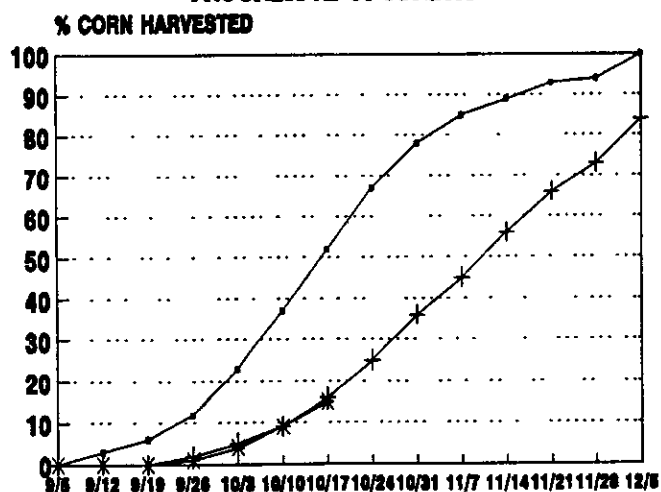
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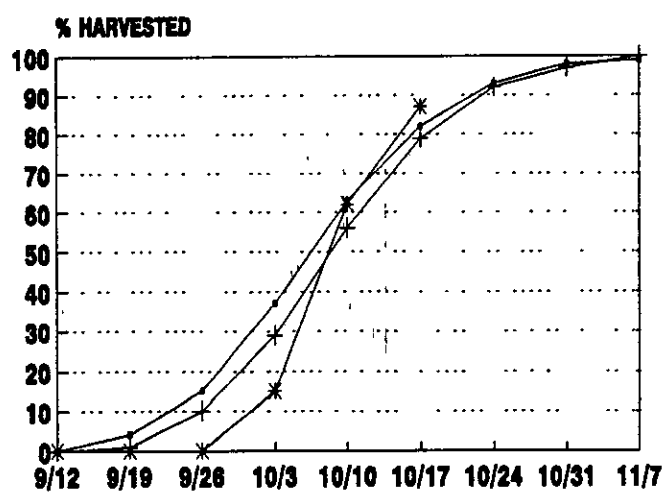
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CORN HARVESTED PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY



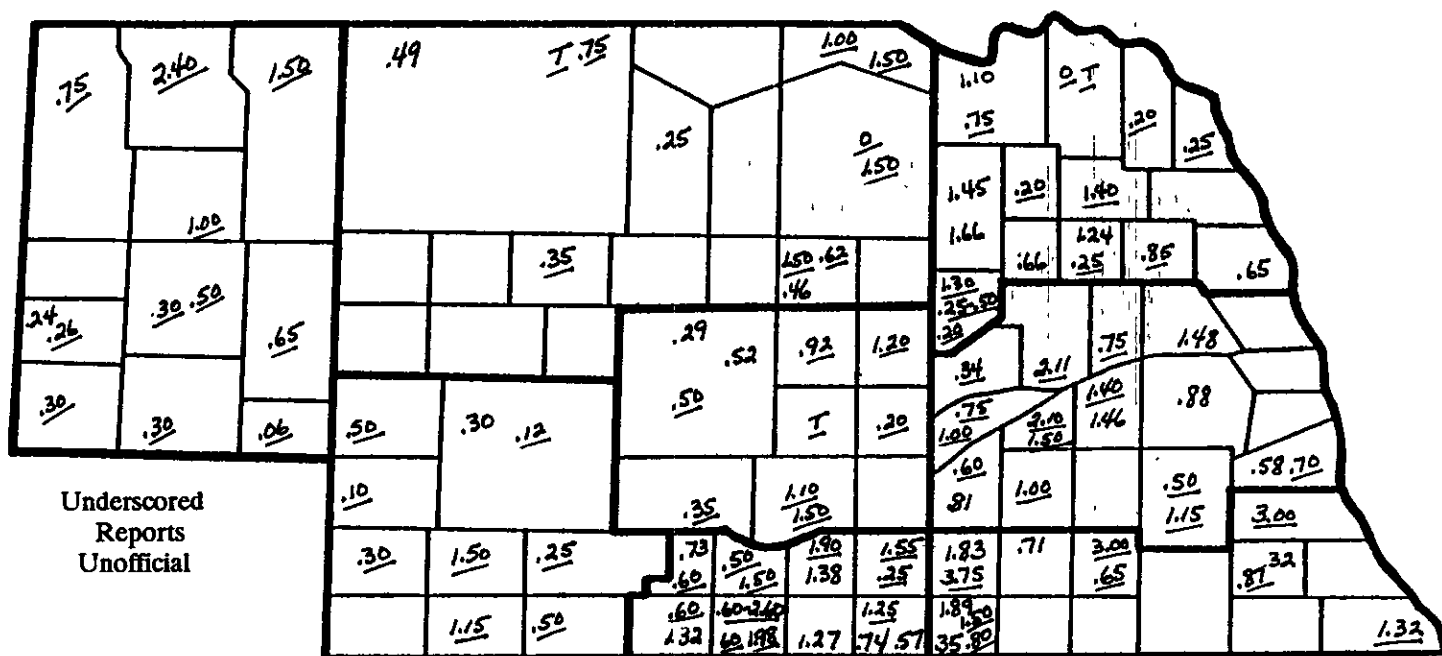
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SOYBEANS HARVESTED PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY



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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1993



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TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA, WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1993

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	68	29	50	---	---
	Scottsbluff	67	29	50	-1	.54
	Sidney	66	34	50	---	.13
NC	Valentine	68	29	51	+1	.05
NE	Norfolk	69	35	52	0	.06
	Sioux City	68	33	52	-1	.44
CEN	Grand Island	71	32	53	0	1.10
	Ord	71	28	51	---	0
EC	Lincoln	69	33	52	-3	.52
	Omaha	66	37	53	-2	.56
SW	Imperial	70	32	53	---	.45
	North Platte	71	29	52	+1	.17

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.